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## Message from the Newsletter Editor

There has been a gap in the publication of the IVR Newsletter due to a combination of different factors. However, the Newsletter will now resume publication at twice-yearly interval as before.

As information on the national sections of the IVR is available at the IVR website and the pages are updated as soon as the information is available, the Newsletter will no longer reproduce listings of officials and other items of a routine nature that are readily available at the website.

Instead, the Newsletter will focus on topical issues concerning the IVR and legal and social philosophy at large. The Newsletter will also publish more in-depth portraits of different national sections of the IVR;

members of the national sections are invited to contact the editor for this purpose. Regional development in legal and social philosophy is another topic that can be covered by the Newsletter.

In fact, the electronic publication of the Newsletter means that there is no need to adhere to a rigid format. Readers should not hesitate to contact the editor with ideas and/or proposals for contributions.

CHRISTOFFER WONG

IVR Newsletter Editor





*In memoriam*  
**Professor Sir Neil MacCormick**  
 1941 – 2009



Professor Sir Neil MacCormick, who died on 5th April aged 67, was born on 27 May 1941, in Glasgow. He was one of the four children of John MacCormick, a Glasgow lawyer, and Margaret Miller.

After schooling at the High School of Glasgow, Neil MacCormick (though his first name is Donald he was always called Neil to distinguish him from his cousin Donald) attended Glasgow University 1959-63 and graduated M.A. with 1st class honours in Philosophy and English. He then won a Snell Exhibition to continue his studies at Balliol College in the University of Oxford, where he graduated with 1st class honours in Law in 1965.

Though he studied English law he always intended to return to Scotland and enter into legal practice in Edinburgh. He accepted a teaching post in law at St Andrews University (Queen's College, Dundee) as a means to that end. At Oxford, however, he had come under the influence of H L A Hart, then Professor of Jurisprudence and, after some two years at Dundee, he returned to Balliol to teach Jurisprudence and Legal Philosophy. He was appointed to the Regius Chair of Public Law and the Law of Nature and Nations at Edinburgh in 1972 at the then very young age of 31. He held this post with pre-eminent distinction until his retirement in January 2007. He was Leverhulme Research Professor 1997-99 and from 2004 till his retirement. He was a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh and of the British Academy as well as an honorary Queen's Counsel. He was knighted in 2001

in recognition of services to scholarship in Law, and in 2004 he was a recipient of the Royal Society of Edinburgh's Gold Medal for Outstanding Achievement.

He was prominent in public and political life. He served from 1999-2004 as Member of the European Parliament on behalf of the Scottish National Party (of which party he had been a Vice President) following in the footsteps of his father who was one of the key figures in the early Scottish National movement. Voted Scottish Euro MP of the Year for three years running (at the Scottish Politician of the Year Awards), he was Special Adviser to the First Minister, Alex Salmond, on European and External Affairs.

Neil MacCormick was a giant of Jurisprudence, and Legal Philosophy and Legal Theory on the world stage and particularly in the UK where he was a dominant figure in the renaissance of that subject begun by H L A Hart. At his death he was president of the International Association for Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy and played an important role in introducing continental legal theory on to the Anglo-American scene. The four books produced under the rubric of *Law, State, and Practical Reason* during the tenure of his Leverhulme Professorship are a fitting testimony to the enduring importance and influence of his work and thinking. *Institutions of Law: An Essay in Legal Theory* (2007) sets out the parameters for a general jurisprudence, marrying philosophy and sociology in the study of institutions such as contract, property and marriage. This had long been neglected but was



something which he saw as fundamental to serious thinking about the law right from his inaugural lecture in 1974. *Rhetoric and the Rule of Law: A Theory of Legal Reasoning* (2005) were his final thoughts on the quality of legal reasoning, an area which he had energised with the 1978 publication of *Legal Reasoning and Legal Theory* and which he saw as an integral part in the moral and political theorising of the worth of law as a guiding institution for our society. It is perhaps *Questioning Sovereignty* (1999) that is most important. This concludes work begun with *Essays in Legal Right and Social Democracy* in 1982 where he explicitly sets out his views in the context of legal, social and political theory and advances a strong social democratic position. *Questioning Sovereignty* clearly influenced his tenure as an MEP, where he served as a member of the Convention on the Future of Europe from 2002–03. In that book he questions sovereignty in the sense that it is not for him single and indivisible. Thus an entity such as the EU could be viewed as one of multiple overlapping sovereignties. But this does not preclude the claims of some polities for sovereign independence within international law. In dealing with the challenges, as he saw them, that the EU poses for legal theory he was one of the dominant figures in the transformation of the study of European supranational law, one whose influence can be seen in the work of many of the best scholars in that area. His final work *Practical Reasoning in Morality and Law* (published in 2009 shortly before he died) is the culmination of the series and looks at practical reason, about how one should live and deliberate in the world and is a powerful and original contribution.

All of the above hardly does justice to Neil the man. His last book was finished quickly when he knew he had not long to live and he thought it perhaps not fully worked out. But it is all the better for that. It is written from the heart, and that heart and the man keep breaking through. Though his life was largely spent in the academy his view and practice of that life was wide and far reaching. He embodied the best Scottish traditions of the ‘Democratic Intellect’, tirelessly pursuing his and the University’s engagement with the outside world. He was constructive, welcoming and inclusive. This showed in his politics where he vigorously espoused in his writings and public interventions a nationalism that was not nar-

row minded and xenophobic but inclusive and open – a position that put him at odds with some but which faithfully reflected the views of his father. In the academy he was the same – he was out of sympathy with many current trends but that did not prevent him from taking on heavy and senior administrative roles where he worked to best maintain his vision of a University in the context of the present political imperatives. He was extraordinary open and generous. He was an inspiring teacher and saw it, unlike many in these research oriented times, as an important part of his academic vocation. He had time for everyone, from the first year student to the most senior member of the Faculty. His door was always open and he would always offer constructive and careful criticism. He was a master of the difficult art of being critical but also positive. He found it difficult to be entirely negative. He was relentlessly optimistic and always able to find worth in someone or something. He was always able to couch even far reaching critical comments in a positive and encouraging way. He was for those, as I was, privileged enough to have been taught or to work with him, the perfect model for the academic life.

A man of enormous energy and stamina, he was the life and soul of any party and academic gathering and was a joy to be with in either. He truly lived the liberalism and toleration which he espoused. He had the ability to engage with people as equals without ever being patronising.

He had been married to Flora for some 20 years and the love between them sustained them both and spread to the world beyond. This was a source of strength for them in his final months which he bore with realistic optimism and consideration for the countless friends from all parts of the globe who wanted to visit him. He was a warm, lovely and intelligent man whose company will be missed by many. He died, as he wished, at home. He is survived by Flora, three children from a previous marriage, three step children, two grandchildren and three step grandchildren.

ZENON BANKOWSKI

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## *Acting President of the IVR*

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*Professor Yasutomo Morigiwa,  
Nagoya University, Japan*

In June 2009 Prof. Yasutomo Morigiwa was elected the IVR's Acting President, filling the gap left by the sad passing of Prof. Neil MacCormick. The Executive Committee appointed Prof. Morigiwa, who has been one of our Vice-Presidents since 2003, to fulfill the duties of the president until the World Congress of 2011.

After beginning an academic career in the philosophy of law at the University of Tokyo, he worked on theories of law and language at Oxford with Profs. Hart, Dworkin and Raz. He is now active in work on interpretation and validation on the one hand, and on the other, in promoting the practical import of legal philosophy by using his theoretical findings on validation through public reason to build a theory of legal ethics explaining the “why” for legal and moral principles that bind the practicing lawyers and judges.

He is active internationally both abroad and in Japan. Abroad, where in addition to IVR duties, he organizes various conferences, while training judges and lawyers of many countries in legal ethics. And in Japan, where he teaches the students of Nagoya University from around the world, as well as those at the law school. He is now translating Rawls, “Collected Papers” into Japanese, while his works in English and Japanese are translated into German and Chinese.

# IVR Prize for Young Scholar



Mathilde Cohen, Columbia Law  
School, New York

The IVR Young Scholar Prize 2009 is awarded to Mathilde Cohen for her paper entitled “The Rule of Law as the Rule of Reasons”. As prize winner, Mathilde Cohen will be awarded € 1 000 and be given the opportunity to deliver a special “IVR-Prize Lecture” at the Beijing World Congress of the IVR. Her paper will be published in the ARSP.

A French citizen, Mathilde graduated from the École Normale Supérieure in Paris and Columbia University. Her dissertation (2008) is an examination and criticism of the case for reason giving in democratic society, according to which requiring public institutions to give reasons to justify their decisions invariably represents desirable progress in the realm of public action. Mathilde is currently an Associate-in-Law at Columbia Law School, where she teaches a Comparative Introduction to American Law course to foreign-trained lawyers. Mathilde’s current work, in the continuation of her doctoral work, is on the idea of reason giving (and its epistemic virtues) as an argument for democracy. She also has an interest in questions of immigration law, metaethics, epistemology and the history of legal reasoning, in particular in Roman law.

Webpage: [http://www.law.columbia.edu/fac/Mathilde\\_Cohen](http://www.law.columbia.edu/fac/Mathilde_Cohen)

## Recent Winners of the IVR Young Scholar Prize and Where They Are Now

- 2007 **Helga Varden** – assistant professor at the Department of Philosophy, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA
- 2005 **Hirohide Takikawa** – associate professor at the Graduate School and Faculty of Law, Osaka City University, Japan
- 2003 **Matthias Klatt** – holds the Juniorprofessur für Öffentliches Recht, Europarecht, Völkerrecht und Rechtsphilosophie at the Faculty of Law, Hamburg University, Germany
- 2001 **Claudio Michelson** – lecturer in law at the School of Law at Edinburgh University, the United Kingdom
- 1999 **Jorge Luis Rodriguez** – professor at the Universidad Nacional de Mar del Plata (Argentina) and at the Universidad de Girona (Spain)
- 1997 **Nils Jansen** – professor at the Institut für Rechtsgeschichte, Abteilung Römisches Recht, Münster University, Germany

# *The Rule of Law as the Rule of Reasons*

MATHILDE COHEN



## ABSTRACT

This paper argues that in contemporary legal thinking, the concept of the rule of law has become inseparable from the idea that legal decision-makers should give reasons to justify their decisions. Yet, how far can the concept of the rule of law be understood as establishing a rule of reasons? I examine whether reason giving is necessarily connected with the rule of law in the sense that a legal system would not conform to the rule of law if its decisions were not supported by publicly articulated reasons.

I proceed by arguing that the focus on reason giving vindicates both procedural and substantive conceptions of the rule of law. In my view, reason giving is an essential component of the first conception because all the procedural account seems to require is that the state does whatever it does in a predictable and consistent way and justify it by reasons. Likewise, reason giving can serve to characterize the core of the substantive proposal. Substantive conceptions of the rule of law claim that the rule of law's central purpose is to ensure certain just outcomes. In that perspective, requiring that legal decision-makers give reasons is more apt to protect us against abuse than other forms of decision-making.

In line with this reframing, I conclude that theoretical reflections on the rule of law should pay more attention to the legal duty to give reasons than has been done in the past, thereby leading to a context-sensitive assessment of the rule of law and its virtue(s).



# 24th IVR World Congress

## Beijing, 15-20 September 2009

One hundred years after its foundation in Berlin in 1909, the IVR will hold its 24th World Congress in Beijing this year, 15-20 September. The general theme of the 2009 World Congress is: *Global Harmony and Rule of Law*. The Congress will take place at the *Beijing Friendship Hotel* ([www.bjfriendshiphotel.com/english](http://www.bjfriendshiphotel.com/english)) at the Haidian District of Beijing, northwest of the city centre, where many of Beijing's institutions of higher education are situated, including Peking University and Remin University of China.

The World Congress is an event hosted by a member of the IVR in co-operation with the Executive Committee of the IVR. The host for the Beijing World Congress is the *Jurisprudence Institute of the China Law Society* (JICLS), which is the IVR national section of China. As its name suggests, the JICLS is part of the *China Law Society* (CLS), which comprises different institutes or academies for the different legal subjects. The CLS is also organized at a regional level with local branches. As the JICLS is basically an academic society, much of the practical organization of the IVR World Congress is being taken care of by the CLS. Thus, it is the JICLS – i.e. the IVR national section of China – which has been primarily responsible for the academic content of the Congress while the CLS has been involved with the administration.

The CLS can trace its history back to 1949 when the *Preparatory Committee for Research on the New Science of Law* was established. Shortly before the formulation of the first constitution of the People's Republic of China in 1953, the *Chinese Association of Political Science and Law* (CAPSL) was founded through a merger of the above-mentioned preparatory committee for research on the new science of law and the corresponding preparatory committee for new political science. The activities of the CAPSL

were suspended during the Cultural Revolution but the association resumed its work towards the end of 1979. A committee established in 1980 chose to rename the association as the China Law Society, and the first national congress of CLS's members was held in 1982.

The CLS has more than 120,000 individual members! It is composed of local law societies at provincial level as well as special institutes covering about 30 different areas of law. The individual members of the CLS do not come merely from the academic world; many individual members are legal practitioners. The CLS also contributes towards the publication of important legal journals in China such as *Chinese Legal Science*, *Democracy and Legal System* and the *Law Yearbook of China*.

I hope the above will shed some light on the question "Who actually organized the Congress?", i.e. who, other than the actual real-life people who at various stages are involved in the real-life work of the project. In the following pages, some basic information on the Beijing World Congress is provided. For more up-to-date information, please consult the Congress's website: <http://www.ivr2009.com/>

CHRISTOFFER WONG

Editor of the IVR Newsletter







## Overall Programme

### *Tuesday, 15 September*

Morning Registration

Afternoon Opening ceremony and  
plenary session

### *Wednesday, 16 September*

Morning Plenary session

Afternoon Workshops and working groups

### *Thursday, 17 September*

Morning Plenary session

Afternoon Social events in Beijing

### *Friday, 18 September*

Morning Plenary session

Afternoon Workshops and working groups

Evening Workshops and working groups

### *Saturday, 19 September*

Morning Workshops and working groups

Afternoon Plenary Session and closing ceremony

### *Sunday, 20 September*

Departure

## Plenary Sessions

1. Professor **Joseph Raz** (Columbia University, New York, USA) – Rights in the World Order
2. Professor **Robert Alexy** (Kiel University, Germany) – The Dual Nature of Law
3. Professor **Carol Gould** (Temple University, Philadelphia, USA) – Diversity, Democracy, and Dialogue in a Human Rights Framework
4. Professor **Morimura Susumu** (Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo, Japan) – Globalization and Cultural Prosperity
5. Professor **Chang Wejen** (Institute of History and Philology of the Academia Sinica, Taiwan, China) – The Early Chinese Legal Thought
6. Professor **Xin Chunying** (Deputy Chairman of Legal Affairs Committee of National People's Congress, Research Fellow of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences) – Reform and Progress through Law: A China Story
7. Professor **Upendra Baxi** (University of Warwick, UK) – t.b.a.
8. Professor **Ioanna Kucuradi** (Maltepe University, Istanbul, Turkey) – Rethinking the Philosophy of Law in the Beginning of the 21st Century
9. Docteur **Antoine Garapon** (secrétaire général de l'Institut des Hautes Etudes sur la Justice, Paris, France) – Judges and the Creation of Global Law
10. Professor **Tu Weiming** (Harvard University, Cambridge, USA and Peking University, Beijing, China) – Cultural Diversity, Intercivilizational Dialogue, and Harmony: A Confucian Perspective
11. Dr **Mathilde Cohen** (Columbia University, New York, USA; 2009 IVR Young Scholar Prize Winner) – The Rule of Law as the Rule of Reasons

<http://www.ivr2009.com>



## Special Workshops

1. **Alliance or Clash of Civilizations? A Legal and Political Analysis**  
Coordinator: Rafael Rodríguez Prieto (Universidad Pablo de Paveda de Sevilla, Spain)
2. **Natural Law Tradition**  
Coordinator: Diego Poole (Universidad Rey Juan Carlos, Spain)
3. **Secularism and Rule of Law**  
Coordinators: Jon Mahoney (Kansas State University, USA) & Matthew Binney (Eastern Washington University, USA)
4. **Efficiency, Sustainability and Justice to Future Generation**  
Coordinator: Klaus Mathis (University of Lucerne, Switzerland)
5. **Formal and Substantial Reasoning in Legal Interpretation and Adjudication**  
Coordinator: Matti Ilmari Niemi (Lappeenranta University of Technology, Finland)
6. **Pedagogy of Emancipation for Law Schools**  
Coordinator: Miracy B.S. Gustin (Brazilian Federal University)
7. **How General is General Jurisprudence**  
Coordinator: Sten Schaumburg-Müller (Aarhus University, Denmark)
8. **Human Dignity and the Foundation of the Rule of Law**  
Coordinator: Stephan Kirste (Universität Heidelberg, Germany)
9. **Corporate Governance in China**  
Coordinator: Roman Tomasic (University of Durham, United Kingdom)
10. **Human Rights and International Law**  
Coordinators: Halim Bepari (Foreign Lawyer SRA & Advocate of Supreme Court of Bangladesh)
11. **The Connection between Punishment, Retribution and Free Will**  
Coordinators: Friedrich Toepel (University of Bonn, Germany) & John Warwick Montgomery (University of Bedfordshire, United Kingdom)
12. **Law and Global Humanitarian Aid**  
Coordinator: Byron Kaldis (The Hellenic Open University, Greece)
13. **Virtues in Law**  
Coordinator: Amalia Amaya (National Autonomous University of Mexico) & Ho Hock Lai (National University of Singapore)
14. **Law, Liberty and Rule of Law**  
Coordinator: Imer B. Flores (National Autonomous University of Mexico), Ofer Raban (University of Oregon Law School, USA) & Gülriz Uygur (Ankara University, Turkey)
15. **Justice and Governance in the International Community**  
Coordinator: Jacob Dahl Rendtorff (Roskilde University, Denmark)
16. **Aristotle and Philosophy of Law**  
Coordinators: Nuno Coelho (University of Sao Paulo, Brazil) & Liesbeth Hupperts-Cluysenaer (University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands)
17. **Orthos logos, Ecteta ratio, or Right Reason in the Philosophy of Law from Aristotle to Dworkin**  
Coordinator: Dokyun Kim (Seoul National University, Korea)
18. **The Right of Data Protection in Digital Society**  
Coordinator: Munenori Kitahara (Hiroshima Shudo University, Japan)
19. **Law and Business Ethics**  
Coordinator: Christoph Luetque (Technical University of Braunschweig, Germany)



## Special Workshops

- 20. The Many Fates of Legal Positivism**  
Coordinators: Otto Pfersmann (Université de Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne, France), András Jakab (Centro de Estudios Políticos Constitucionales, Spain) & Jürgen Busch (University of Vienna, Austria)
- 21. Law and Mathematics**  
Coordinator: Vladimir Lobovikov (Ural Division of the Russian Academy of Sciences)
- 22. Defenses and Punishment in International Criminal Law**  
Coordinator: Larry May (Washington University, USA)
- 23. The Philosophy of Precedent**  
Coordinators: Thomas Bustamante (University of Aberdeen) & Carlos Bernal Pulido (Universidad de Externado de Colombia)
- 24. Multiple Legal Culture in East Asia**  
Coordinators: Ko Hasegawa (University of Hokkaido, Japan) & Takeshi Tsunoda (Kansai University, Japan)
- 25. Medicine and the Rule of Law**  
Coordinator: Eric Hilgendorf (University of Würzburg, Germany)
- 26. Universalism and Cultural Relativism**  
Coordinator: Alfredo Culleton (Universidade do Vale do Rio dos Sinos, Brazil)
- 27. Inner Peace and Indigenous Practice in Conflict Resolution**  
Coordinator: Honggang Yang (Nova Southeastern University, USA)
- 28. Law and Literature**  
Coordinators: Enrico Pattaro (Honorary President of the Italian Society for Law and Literature – ISLL), Carla Farali (ISLL President) & Paola Mittica (ISLL Coordinator)
- 29. Global Legal Studies**  
Coordinator: Gilles L’huiler (South Brittany University, France)
- 30. Libertarianism**  
Coordinator: Susumu Morimura (Hitotsubashi University, Japan)
- 31. Legal Thought and the Pretical Foundations of Brazilian Law**  
Coordinator: Germano Schwartz (Universidade Luterana do Brazil)
- 32. Artificial Intelligence and Law**  
Coordinators: Giovanni Sartor (European University Institute, Italy), Ugo Pagallo (Università degli Studi di Torino, Italy) & Pompeu Casanovas (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain)
- 33. Biopolitics**  
Coordinator: Luís Antônio Cunha Ribeiro (Universidade Federal Fluminense, Brazil)
- 34. Legal Reasoning: The Methods of Balancing**  
Coordinator: Jan Sieckmann (University of Buenos Aires, Argentina – DAAD)
- 35. Models of Law and Development**  
Coordinator: Xie Pengcheng (Procuratorial Theory Research Institute of Supreme People’s Procuratorate of the PRC, China)
- 36. Deliberative Democracy in Legislative Process/ Law and Natural Science**  
Coordinator: Yu Zhaobo (Law School of Beijing Institute of Technology, China)
- 37. Political Law**  
Coordinator: Wang Zizhen (Law School of Dongbei University of Finance and Economics, China)
- 38. Law and Economy/ East Asian Legal Culture**  
Coordinator: Feng Yujin (Law School of Renmin University of China)
- 39. Conflict and Harmony between Globalization and Localization/ Conflict and Harmony between Democracy and Constitutionalism**  
Coordinator: Xu Yawen (Law School of Wuhan University, China)





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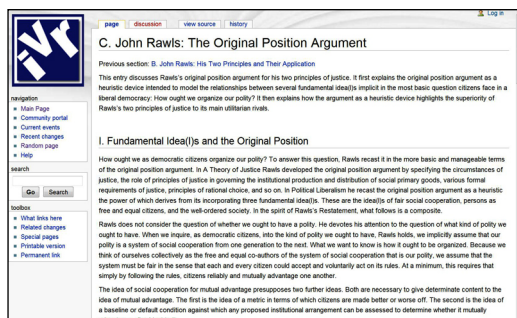
- 40. Human Rights and Development**  
Coordinator: Wang Xigen (Law School of Wuhan University, China)
- 41. International Rule of Law and World Harmony**  
Coordinator: Yang Chengming (Law School of Beijing Institute of Technology, China)
- 42. Legal and Philosophical Studies of Mediation**  
Coordinator: Fan Yu (Renmin University of China)
- 43. Universalism and Cultural Relativism**  
Coordinator: Wu Yuzhang (Legal Research Institute of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China)
- 44. Law and Literature**  
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- 45. Contemporary Legal Argumentation Theories**  
Coordinator: Shu Guoying (China University of Political Science and Law, China)
- 46. Practical Jurisprudence**  
Coordinator: Zheng Yongliu (China University of Political Science and Law, China)
- 47. The Method of Precedent Systems in Different Legal Traditions**  
Coordinator: Zhang Qi (Law School of Peking University, China)
- 48. Gender and Law**  
Coordinator: Zhu Xiaoqing (Gender and Law Research Centre of the Legal Research Institute of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China)
- 49. Global Environment, Energy Resources and Rule of Law**  
Coordinator: Chang Jiwen (Social Law Centre of the Legal Research Institute of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China)
- 50. Coercion, Law and State**  
Coordinator: Pedro Múrias (Universidade de Lisboa, Portugal)
- 51. Political Obligation**  
Coordinator: Hirohide Takikawa (Osaka City University, Japan)
- 52. Phenomenology and hermeneutics of Law**  
Coordinator: Oleksiy Stovba (Kharkov's National University, Ukraine)
- 53. A Lawyer in the International Context – Operative or Philosopher?**  
Coordinators: Adam Dyrda (University of Cracow, Poland) & Maciej Macenowicz (University of Warsaw, Poland)
- 54. African Legal Thought and Legal Philosophy**  
Coordinator: Nkiruka Ahiauzu (Aberystwyth University, United Kingdom)
- 55. Difference in the Conceptions of Self as subject of Human rights between the West and East Asia**  
Coordinator: Akihiko Morita (Tokyo Institute of Technology, Japan)
- 56. Animal Rights Debate: The Legal Philosophical Question**  
Coordinator: Tagore Trajano (University of Bahia, Brazil)
- 57. The Public Responsibility of the Judge in a Liberal System of Justice**  
Coordinator: Yasutomo Morigiwa (Nagoya University, Japan)
- 58. Law and Language: Explorations on Judicial Discourse**  
Coordinator: Le Cheng (City University of Hongkong, China) & Université du Littoral Côte d'Opale, France)
- 59. Law and Language – Making Laws Work in a Globalised World**  
Coordinator: Karen McAuliffe (University of Exeter, the United Kingdom)
- 60. Russian Legal Philosophy in cultural Dialogue**  
Coordinator: Vladimir Grafskiy (Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia)



# IVR Announcement



## IVR Encyclopaedia



Since 2007 Dr Evelyn Feteris (University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands) has been the Editor-in-Chief of the *IVR Encyclopaedia of Jurisprudence, Legal Theory and Philosophy of Law* on the Internet. The website of the encyclopaedia has recently changed to a new user-interface using the MediaWiki software. In the next issue of the IVR Newsletter, there will be more in-depth report on the IVR Encyclopaedia. In the meantime, the Encyclopaedia can be assessed at:

<http://ivr-enc.info>

## IVR Website



The IVR Website is the main channel of communication between the Executive Committee and members of the association. It contains a listing of all the national sections. The officials of the IVR national sections are kindly requested to contact the webmaster to make sure that the information and records on the national pages are correct and up-to-date. At present, most national section pages contain only a listing of officials. However, more information on the national sections and their activities will be much appreciated. It may also be pointed out that the website also contains a calendar of events. Organizers of events that are of interest to members of the IVR are invited to submit notice of their activities. The website is up-dated on a continuous basis and there is no special deadline for submission.

<http://www.cirfid.unibo.it/ivr/>



# External Announcement



## 1<sup>st</sup> Conference on Philosophy and Law Neutrality and Theory of Law

Girona, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of May 2010



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### ● Conference Neutrality and Theory of Law

Five years ago we began, with much enthusiasm, an editorial project with grand expectations for quality and modest ones concerning diffusion. Our aim was to start a book collection in the field of Philosophy of Law embracing both, translations of key books from other legal cultures, thus making them available to Spanish-speaking readers, as well as original works. Five years later the results have surpassed all diffusion forecasts and we honestly believe that they have played a part in the iusphilosophical debate.

Today, the collection is made up of more than thirty published volumes with eighteen more underway. Marcial Pons publishers in junction with the research groups in Philosophy of Law from the Universidad de Girona and the Universidad Pompeu Fabra (to whom the directors of the collection belong, Jordi Ferrer y José Juan Moreso)) are organizing an international conference commemorating the first fifty volumes which will take place the 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of May 2010 in the Spanish city of Girona.

Our aim is that the conference will be a meeting place for authors and readers of our books. For this reason twelve authors from the collection will be speakers at the event Dr. Robert Alexy, Dr. Juan C. Bayón, Dr. Brian Bix, Dr. Eugenio Bulygin, Dr. Bruno Celano, Dr. Jules L. Coleman, Dr. Riccardo Guastini, Dr. Brian Leiter, Dr. Jorge Luis Rodríguez, Dr. Frederick Schauer, Dr. Scott J. Shapiro, Dr. Wilfrid J. Waluchow. We have chosen the theme "neutrality and theory of Law" as the backbone of the speeches because it is one of the most frequently found, either directly or indirectly, in the books of the collection

Our objective is to offer an event of the utmost magnitude in the iusphilosophical debate that will gather the different legal traditions, addressed specifically toward the Hispanic-American community.

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